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1. NIAMEY AUTHORIZED TO INFORM GON THAT IN RESPONSE TO APPARENT URGENT REQUIREMENT IN NORTHERN AREA OF NIAMEY DEPARTMENT USG WILL MAKE AVAILABLE 1,500 MT FROM RELIEF STOCKS ORIGINALLY CONSIGNED TO MALI AND PRESENTLY AVAILABLE IN WEST AFRICAN PORTS. EMBASSY/RDO SHOULD INFORM GON THAT THIS RESPONSE IS SPECIFIC TO THE NEEDS IN NORTHERN NIAMEY DEPARTMENT AND USG INTENDS THAT THESE GRAINS BE UTILI-ED TO MEET FREE DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS. AID/W STILL NOT IN RECEIPT OF SUBSTANTIVE DATA FROM EITHER UNDP/DONOR MEETING OR INDEPENDE.T RDO/ASSESSMENT WHICH FORMED BASIS OF RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED REFS (A) AND (B). THIS INFORMATION NEEDED ASAP TO PROVIDE BASIS FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH OSRO AND OTHER DONORS CONCERNING TOTALITY OF NEED POSITED BY GON FOR ADDITIONAL DONOR GRAIN SHIPMENTS IN RESPONSE TO NEW SITUATION.

2. PRIOR TO MAKING FIRM DECISION BETWEEN DIVERSION EITHER

ABIDJAN OR COTONOU STOCKS, AID/W URGENTLY REQUIRES NIAMEY RESPONSE TO BASIC QUESTION POSED PARA 2 REF (C) REGARDING SHIPMENTS TO GAO. ULTIMATE DECISION CRITICALLY DEPENDENT UPON LIKELIHOOD OF EXPEDITIOUS TRANSFER OF 3,564 MT EXISTING COTONOU/PARAKOU STOCKS TO GAO. ALTHOUGH USG WILLING TO RECONSIGN PORTION OF MALI STOCKS TO NIGER, THIS CANNOT BE DONE AT TOTAL EXPENSE OF GAO REQUIREMENTS, WHICH ARE EQUALLY PRESSING. IN THIS REGARD, HAVE NOTED CONTENT OF COTONOU REFS (D) AND (E) WHICH INDICATED ROLE BOTH OCDN AND GON CAN PLAY IN EXPEDITING GAO SHIPMENTS.

- 3. FOR ABIDJAN: REQUEST NEVIN/GILL ADVISE AS TO PROBABLE TIME-FRAME AND INLAND TRANSPORTATION COSTS INVOLVED IN TRANSPORTING 1,500 MT ABIDJAN-STORED GRAINS TO NIAMEY VIA OUAGADOUGOU.
- 4. FOR BAMAKO: ASSUME, PER PREVIOUS TELECONS, THAT GOM WILL CONCUR IN PROPOSED RECONSIGNMENT AND THAT SUFFICIENT GRAINS REMAIN AVAILABLE TO MEET TOTALITY OF GOM GLOBAL REQUIREMENTS.

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5. FOR NIAMEY: REQUEST YOU TRANSMIT TO AID/W ASAP UNDP DATA WHICH FORMED BASIS FOR CONCLUSIONS REACHED BY RESIDENT DONOR COMMUNITY AT JULY 24 MEETYNG AS WELL AS DATA COLLECTED BY INDEPENDENT RDO/NIAMEY SURVEY PER REF (F). REQUEST RDO/NIAMEY ALSO PROVIDE UP-DATE REGARDING INFESTATION OF STORED SRAINS, FLAGGED PER REF (G), AND PROGRESS BEING MADE BY GON/DONORS IN RESPONDING TO SITUATION. SERIOUS LOSSES IN PRESENTLY STORED GRAINS COULD OUTWEIGH

ANY ACTION ON PART OF DONOR COMMUNITY IN ATTEMPTING TO MEET OVERALL GRAIN NEEDS THUS MAKING IMPERATIVE THE IMMEDIATE AND CLOSE ATTENTION BY GON TO ACTION REQUIREMENTS.

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